

## FRUIT IN HENRICO COUNTY: HOW ORCHARDS WILL PAY

Orchards Close to Richmond Would Pay Handsomely—Mistaken Ideas of

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About a year ago I wrote for your paper a letter about the advantages that might accrue from fruit growing in the vicinity of Richmond, because of the scarcity of good fruit and the high prices that such commanded. At that time there were several things that I could not understand in the county. One of them was the absence of home orchards on the farms, and the almost total absence of commercial orchards in the vicinity of Richmond. In going among the farmers, I tried to find out the reason for this condition. One farmer, and a very good farmer he is, told me that the land here was not suited for fruit, and that, moreover, the heat in this immediate section (it was a very hot day) was so intense that fruit could not be grown to perfection. I was sure that he was wrong about the land, because I had seen a very similar quality of soil in other sections of the State where fruit can be, and is grown successfully. As regards the intense heat, some of the finest fruits are grown in regions where the heat is very much more intense than it is here. Before the State Fair took place last October, I went over almost the whole county trying to procure perfect specimens of apples and other fruits for exhibition. I found it exceedingly difficult to obtain satisfactory products, as almost every specimen that was good enough in other ways was sure to have a worm or some other defect.

I found one man in the county who was trying to raise good fruit, and I got specimens from him, in fact, almost all I had in the exhibit came from his orchard, but it was not up to the mark. This man was one of my demonstrators in growing certain garden crops. This spring I went to him and asked what crop or crops he would like to take up to demonstrate in the way he did last year, that is to be cultivated according to instructions from the agent, and to keep an account of the expenses and then to show the profit. He replied that the only crop he was going to demonstrate was the fruit crop. "Because," he said, "the fruit crop is the only one that will pay in connection with all other crops was greater in proportion than for fruit."

He said, "I can manage my fruit crop almost entirely with the last I have in my own family, and it is not disagreeable work; we all enjoy it."

Now, Mr. Editor, I would like to have you and any farmer who lives near Richmond, or in Henrico County, to see the result of this man's season's work with his orchard. His crop is a splendid one, and there is not a single specimen in his orchard that is infested with worms. He has sprayed his trees regularly and at the proper time in an intelligent manner. The result is that his fruit is just about as clean and perfect as you would care to have it. I am depending on his fruit for my exhibit at the State Fair this year. I only wish he had more varieties of apples.

Any one wishing to see this fruit demonstration can do so by communicating with the writer. They will have to take a short trolley ride, and then a brief run with me in my car. The trip to the farm and back does not take over two hours from Richmond, and I shall be pleased to convey any one who is sufficiently interested in fruit growing to care to see this crop. My address is 711 West Street. Trips must be made very soon, as apples must soon now be picked.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I would like to continue this subject in your paper, as I consider the fruit-growing industry as an adjunct to farmers' resources, in the vicinity of Richmond, and throughout Henrico County, a most important issue. I would discuss the growing of the tree fruits—apples, pears, peaches, plums and cherries—and also the cultivation of the small fruits—grapes, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, currants, gooseberries, etc.—which later become profitable one year after planting.

I am aware that farmers often hesitate to plant apple and pear trees, because they have to wait four or five years before they even begin to bear, and a longer period before they commence to become profitable. In answer to this, I would say that cultivated crops, as well as small fruits, may be grown between the rows of trees until they begin to bear, and the cultivation of the crops is of great benefit to the young trees.

## BIG DOINGS AT BRISTOL.

BRISTOL, Va., September 19.—Letters were mailed this week to 3,000 men who have been named as delegates to the sixth annual convention of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association, which will be held in Bristol, October 6-8. Dr. J. Hyde Pratt, of North Carolina, president of the association, has invited Mayors, Governors and commercial organizations in several of the Southern States to send representatives. Many roads experts will be in attendance, and subjects vital to road promotion will be discussed. Among the governors who have been invited, and who are expected to attend are Governor Stuart, of Virginia; Governor Craig, of North Carolina; Representative C. B. Slamm, of Virginia; and Representative S. R. Sells, of Tennessee, have each accepted an invitation to address the convention. Visiting advocates of good roads, including automobile scout parties, are expected from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

Barton W. Currie, special staff correspondent of the "Country Gentleman," has written an article on road developments in the Southern Appalachian territory, which will appear in an early issue of that journal, and copies of which will be distributed among the delegates as a souvenir of the convention.

## INDIGESTION AND STOMACH TROUBLES

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## CITY, BACKYARD MAY BE A GOLD MINE IN ITS WAY

Back Lots in Town May Be Converted Into Henneries—May or May Not Prove Interesting.

Dr. T. W. O'Connell, a citizen of St. Louis, who has perhaps become overly enthusiastic on the poultry subject, wants to see all of the back yards in all of the cities made into henneries. His article on the subject, which has been sent to the Industrial section may or may not prove interesting. Here it is anyhow:

There is no subject more discussed than the great American Hen, as a matter of fact the universal notion that there's money in chickens has endured through all the ages simply because it has a solid foundation in truth. The hen has no special facilities for fattening all the people all the time. Her popularity has increased with the years because with other things combined to make living hard, her merry cackle and often her springing leap has sounded the note of relief.

The person doubtful of whether or not a dozen hens in the back yard can be made to pay will do well to question: Why are so many in the business?

The answer will readily appear in the form of dollars and cents. The average table waste will keep a family of six in fresh eggs every day in the year. That you throw enough perfectly good food into the garbage can every day, to cost 50 per cent of the keeping of a dozen hens, is a fact.

And you pay fancy prices for fresh or near-fresh eggs merely because you are paying for fresh eggs out of season, and that while some of the strictly fresh for which you pay were really in the hen until comparatively recent times, many would prove an alibi if challenged.

The cost of living is high, and nothing in political or economic conditions indicates relief. You pay big prices for food and, in the meantime, the garbage can. Whatever spare ground you have costs you a high rental and yields you little but envy of the landlord or tax collector.

Your problem is to lower the cost of living, without lowering the standard, and to make the vacant lot or back yard yield something in return. How are you going to do it? The purpose of this article is to help you solve the problem and give you a workable tested plan for making a few hens the solution.

Take a space ten feet wide and thirty feet in length, secure an upright plain box, set it up about fourteen inches from the ground, then take out the back and inside clats, put two posts of 2x4 seven feet out from back, in line with the sides of the box. On two pieces of 2x4 from the top of the back of the box to the posts in front, take the back that was taken out and put it on top, which will form almost all the roof. Put a door in either side, board up the tight and in each a piece of one-inch wire mesh across the front; cover the roof with any good composition paper, paint the balance of the outside, set a roost in the back of the box and you have a very good utility poultry house at very little expense that will comfortably house a dozen hens. For nest I find that an ordinary orange box with the top off and a strip across the lower part, makes a very good nest. Simply set these boxes on the floor, about a foot from the wall for so that the eggs can be taken out without any trouble to be cleaned and exposed to the sun, which will eliminate all mites.

In selecting your hens, I would suggest any of the dark-colored varieties in the American class, preferably Barred Plymouth Rocks, which because of their plumage don't show the dirt, and almost always make a good appearance and are regarded as the world's best all-purpose fowl. It is essential in the production of eggs that fresh water, cysteine shell and grit be before the hens at all times; this with the table scrap and a little grain at night, will keep the hens in good condition and produce a good supply of spotted ovals will produce an egg yield that will keep you in fresh eggs almost all the year. I have found that plenty of water, white ash and perfect cleanliness, are the most essential parts of a successful poultry plant.

There is no reason why every household in the city that has the yard room should not have at least a dozen

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## WAR DISLOCATES TRADE OF WORLD

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expenditure of millions of dollars, succeeded in making synthetic indigo, and they made it so cheaply and with such practical adaptation to commercial use, that they entirely killed the natural indigo trade and secured a monopoly of the indigo market. Their patents covering this product will continue to protect them for some years to come. Synthetic indigo, therefore, cannot at present be produced in this country, and manufacturers will probably have to revert to the use of vegetable dyes, so far as indigo is concerned.

Other chemical products, such as certain chemicals used in photography and certain drugs used in medicinal preparations, which have hitherto been imported principally from Germany, can also be manufactured here. The overpowering competition which German interests and the cartel system have in the past been able to bring to bear the only thing that has prevented the development of these and other chemical fields in America.

While the fighting is hard on the eastern half of the globe, the Germans are digging hard in the center from Rhineland to Argentina and this probably will form the pivot of the battle.

NEW DEFENCE FRONT FORTIFIED BY AUSTRIANS.

LONDON, September 19. (11:50 P. M.) A dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "Dispatches from Vienna state that the Austrians on Friday fortified an extended new defensive front which will reach Capua."

General Cerna, General Bortoluzzi will command the right wing with his center resting at Przemysl, the center will be commanded by General von Auffenberg with Tarnobrzeg as his base, and the left wing will be commanded by General Dankl with the Germans supporting his extreme left.

"The entire Russian left wing, under command of General Brusilov and his staff is expected momentarily to begin an attack. The initial assault is expected against Przemysl."

GERMAN EASTERN ARMY CONTINUES OPERATION.

BERLIN, September 18. (11:50 P. M.) (via London.) September 19. (1:15 A. M.) The German eastern army continues its operations in the district about Suwalki, Russian Poland, according to a statement issued by the general staff tonight.

The army is now advancing on the fortress at Osovo, thirty miles southwest of Lwow, eastern Prussia. This fortress guards the river Boher which elsewhere cannot be crossed, owing to swamps, and forms a natural barrier before the advancing army.

STOCKHOLDERS IN SADDLE.

Southern Railway's Voting Trust Dissolved. Important Meeting Soon to Be Held.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Railway will be held in this city October 12. This will be the first meeting at which the stockholders will have the opportunity to vote directly. The voting trust, which has been in existence since the reorganization of the company in 1910, now being in process of dissolution.

President Charles H. Miller, in a letter addressed to stockholders, says: "An effort will be made to make of this meeting more than the conventional routine, which has been the custom of the company, and to make it a meeting of the stockholders in the true sense of the word."

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